

1 Rule 2-204. Local supplemental rules.

2 Intent:

3 To establish the authority of local courts to adopt local supplemental rules for the
4 administration of the courts.

5 To ensure that local supplemental rules are adopted consistently with this Code.

6 To establish a procedure for the adoption and ratification of local supplemental rules.

7 Applicability:

8 This rule shall apply to all courts of record and not of record.

9 Statement of the Rule:

10 (1) Subject to paragraph (7) of this rule, the presiding judges of all multi-judge courts
11 and judges of single judge courts may adopt such rules as they deem necessary to
12 supplement this Code and to govern the administration of their courts.

13 (2) ~~All local~~ Local supplemental rules shall be approved by both the presiding judge
14 ~~after consultation with the other and by a majority of the judges of the court in the~~
15 judicial district.

16 (3) Upon approval of the rule by the presiding judge, the local supplemental rule
17 shall be submitted through general counsel to the appropriate Board for review. In
18 emergency circumstances, proposed rules shall be effective immediately upon the
19 approval of the presiding judge until final action by the Council. The Board shall review
20 the rule for consistency with this Code, its potential application to courts of equal
21 jurisdiction and its potential application to all courts of record and not of record.

22 (4) If the proposed rule is consistent with the provisions of this Code, the Board may
23 adopt it as a local supplemental rule and submit it to the Council for ratification; the
24 Board may adopt it as a Board rule and submit it to the Council for ratification; or the
25 Board may refer the rule to the Council for consideration and adoption as a Council rule.

26 (5) Rules which are ratified by the Council as either local supplemental rules or
27 Board rules or which are adopted as Council rules shall be forwarded to the
28 Administrative Office for publication in this Code.

29 (6) Rules which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Code or for other reasons
30 are not adopted by the Board or adopted or ratified by the Council shall be referred back
31 to the local court with an explanation and any recommendations for modification.

32 (7) Local supplemental rules shall not be adopted by the Board or the local court
33 without ratification by the Council.

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